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DUST TUBE SUBASSEMBLY, HAVING)
A VELOCITY SENSOR) Confirmation No. 4470

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration and recordation of the enclosed Written Opinion issued August 24, 2004, in counterpart PCT application PCT/US03/26080. A copy of this application as published (WO 2004/018893 A2) is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants submit that the enclosed Written Report was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application (i.e., in PCT application PCT/US03/26080) not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. The reference discussed in the Written Opinion is already of record in the present application.

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The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 813-1250 should there be any questions regarding any of the above.

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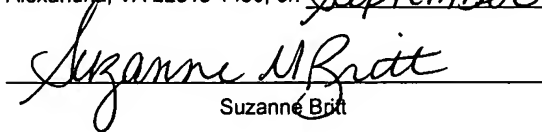
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